

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A transportable security surveillance system for
rapid installation in the office of an employee who may
face a potentially violent situation. An Ethernet LAN
connects a central security computer in a central
security station to an audio-video compressor (AVC) in
the employee's office. A covert video camera and a
microphone in the employee's office provide video and
audio data to the AVC. The employee is provided with a
10 triggering device that triggers the AVC to begin
streaming real-time audio and video data over the LAN to
the central security computer when a situation arises
that requires real-time surveillance of the employee's
office. Before the trigger, no data is transmitted over
15 the LAN. Pre-trigger data may be stored in an AVC
memory, and may be retrieved for later analysis following
a triggering event.